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SUBJ: NEW DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ANNOUNCED: IVAN VASIL'YEVICH ARKHIPOV

1. PRAVDA OF MARCH 22 ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF IVAN VASIL'YEVICH ARKHIPOV AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

2. COMMENT: SINCE THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT ARKHIPOV IS REPLACING ONE OF THE PRESENT DEPUTY CHAIRMEN, IT APPEARS THAT THERE WILL NOW BE TEN DEPUTY CHAIRMEN IN ADDITION TO THE FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. ARKHIPOV HAS OCCUPIED THE POSITION OF FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS SINCE ABOUT 1958. THIS COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS PRIMARILY IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN AID TO BLOC AND UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES. ARKHIPOV NOW RANKS ABOVE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COMMITTEE, S.A. SKACHKOV BUT DOES NOT YET HAVE CENTRAL COMMITTEE STATUS.
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